



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Rural Advisory Council

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Tim Stahlberg, Program Coordinator, Motorcycle Ohio
Carl Wesemeyer, Trustee, Grafton Township
Kyle White, Community Educator, OSU Extension

FROM: Jeanene Kress, Chair

DATE: June 21, 2019

RE: Rural Advisory Council
Friday, June 28, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

NOACA Offices
1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio

I look forward to seeing you on ***Friday, June 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the NOACA offices.***



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Next Regular Meeting:

Friday, September 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

NOACA Offices, 1299 Superior Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio

Agenda Item No. 1

MINUTES



Rural Advisory Council Meeting

March 22, 2019

NOACA Offices

1299 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Present: Please see the attached attendance record.

Ms. Jeanene Kress, Chair of the Rural Advisory Council (RAC), convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Kyle White to approve the minutes of the RAC meeting held on December 7, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carl Wesemeyer. The motion passed by voice vote.

Public Comments

No comments were made at this meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Grace Gallucci welcomed new and existing members to the first RAC meeting of this year. She thanked members for dedicating their time to the Council; talked about how the Council's work benefits the NOACA region; and asked members for their assistance in helping to shape the Council to be the best it can be.

Ms. Gallucci introduced Ms. Danielle Render, Director of External Engagement & Public Affairs at NOACA, who will be assisting the Council with its advocacy work.

ACTION ITEMS

No action items were presented at this meeting.

PRESENTATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

NOACA Position on Proposed Fees for Transportation Infrastructure

Ms. Beverly Burtzlaff provided background on Governor Mike DeWine's proposal of an 18 cent per gallon increase for the motor fuel user for the 2020-2021 Ohio Transportation Budget. Ms. Burtzlaff noted that the increase would be indexed to inflation for future years and would generate \$1.2 billion annually. She talked about the current gas tax and the need for more funding.

Ms. Burtzlaff reviewed the following provisions included in the NOACA Board resolution that was passed on March 8th:

1. Amount of the user fee increase should be aligned to demonstrated need - at least 40% back to locals
2. New user fee should be indexed to inflation
3. Distribute revenue in an equitable manner – benefits go back to the users

Ms. Burtzlaff stated that distribution of funds should be based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) to accurately reflect the actual usage compared to the current formulas using equal splits, registrations, and centerline miles. She mentioned that the NOACA region loses \$26 million a year based on the current gas tax of 28 cents per gallon. Ms. Burtzlaff stated that all, but one county, Geauga, would do better if a VMT-based formula was used. Ms. Gallucci stated that NOACA would look for ways to make Geauga County whole as part of an equitable distribution.

Ms. Gallucci mentioned that the region sends \$225 million to Columbus, but only gets back \$75 million. She noted that the current formula includes a local component of 30% that includes counties, municipalities and townships. Of the 30%, counties receive 37%, which is distributed equally among all 88 counties in Ohio; municipalities receive 42%, which is based on registrations; and townships receive 21%, which is based on registrations and a formula based on centerline miles.

Ms. Gallucci talked about the inequity of the current formulas; the imbalance of where people drive and where people's vehicles are registered; communities not getting their fair share of funding based on the use of the roads. Ms. Gallucci noted that the revenue distribution problem could be solved by using a VMT-based formula or by allowing counties to administer their own gas tax.

Ms. Burtzlaff reviewed the estimated FY 2020 revenues of 28 cents and 18 cents for the five counties based on the current formula and a VMT-based formula. Ms. Burtzlaff mentioned that donor counties receive less money than they should, while donee counties receive more money than they should from the motor fuel user fee. Ms. Gallucci stated that VMT is defined by vehicles traveling on roads from origin to destination, representing the utilization of roads. Ms. Burtzlaff mentioned that NOACA gets its VMT numbers from ODOT.

4. Increase funding for public transportation to at least the \$120 million recommended in ODOT's 2015 study
5. Fund maintenance of state and local networks prior to new capacity
6. Continue to explore resources for transit, how alternate fuel vehicles can pay their fair share, and additional permissive authority for locals on registration fees

Ms. Burtzlaff mentioned that Ms. Gallucci testified before the House Finance Committee and the Senate Transportation Committee in support of increased funding for infrastructure on behalf of the Ohio Association of Regional Councils (OARC).

Ms. Burtzlaff reviewed House Bill (HB) 62 and the Senate's bill. She said both bills will be presented to the Conference Committee for a compromise. Once a compromise has been reached, a report will be sent back to the House and Senate for a final vote. She mentioned that

State Senator Sandra Williams introduced an amendment that would divide up funding based on VMT; unfortunately, that amendment did not make it into the transportation bill. Ms. Burtzlaff stated that NOACA will continue to communicate the Board resolution to state legislature, administration, and other external stakeholders.

Ms. Cathy Cotman stated that the proposed gas tax increase varies between Governor DeWine, the House and the Senate. She asked the actually amount needed to maintain the roads in the state.

Ms. Gallucci stated that Governor DeWine's proposal was the closest, although more work needs to be done to determine the actual amount needed at the local level. She said the state probably needs a gas tax increase of 36 cents. She mentioned that roads maintained by ODOT could be discussed at an OARC meeting.

Ms. White commented that Pennsylvania's gas tax is 58.7 cents per gallon and their roads are great, while the roads and bridges in this region are in poor condition. She mentioned that State Representative Steve Hambley has been working on this issue, posted some information on Facebook and was crucified by his community. She noted that had there been small increases over the years, roads and bridges in this region would not be in their current condition. She said there needs to be a compromise to move the region forward.

Ms. Gallucci mentioned that Representative Hambley served on the NOACA Board for many years and understands the issues affecting this region, especially the equity issue.

Ms. Kress stated that a 46 cent gas tax will get Ohio on par with Michigan and Indiana. She noted that state legislators are reluctant to increase taxes because it is unpopular and they want to get reelected.

Ms. Cotman asked how VMT is determined. Mr. David Short said ODOT does a lot of traffic counts and traffic modeling. Ms. Gallucci mentioned that VMT captures the origin to destination of every trip.

Ms. Cotman asked if the provisions in NOACA's resolution would need to be included in the bill or can the provisions be implemented after the bill has been approved. Ms. Gallucci said both and noted that NOACA would like for the Governor, House and Senate to consider the provisions when reconciling the three components or consider them the next time there is a gas tax increase proposal.

Mr. Wesemeyer stated that the next gas tax increase could be 20 years from now. Ms. Gallucci said there could be another increase before then and noted that nothing prohibits the state legislature from making a change to the gas tax formulas.

NOACA SFY 2019 4th Quarter Project Planning Review (PPR)

Mr. Ed May provided background on PPR and reviewed a major rehabilitation project on US-20 in Madison Township (LAK US-20 – 24.99 PID No. 109270). The project consists of the following road improvements: pavement replacement, minor widening (increased lane width), drainage replacement and a sidewalk. Mr. May stated that the total cost of the project is \$16 million; no NOACA funds will be used; and project comments have been forwarded to the sponsor. He noted that staff will coordinate with the sponsor on the proposed project.

Ms. Gallucci asked members to share information with others if this project or future projects have relevance in their community. She noted that comments can be made on NOACA's website.

SFY 2021–2024 TIP Development Update – Potential Projects for NOACA Controlled Funds

Mr. Mike Daugherty provided background on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and reviewed the elements of the program. He noted that the TIP update was originally planned for SFY 2020-2023. ODOT delayed the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) / TIP development process by one year due to the uncertainty of federal funding, revised the timeframe to SFY 2021-2024, and urged NOACA to proceed with its adoption of agency funded projects according to the original schedule.

Mr. Daugherty stated that NOACA staff met with representatives of all five counties and the City of Cleveland to review the accuracy of the projects. He noted that NOACA's Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program and Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) have a total of \$80 million available for SFY 2021-2024 and CMAQ funded projects have already been approved through SFY 2024. He mentioned that NOACA received 212 project funding requests from 50 communities totaling \$301 million. He noted that the total cost of the projects is \$608 million.

Mr. Daugherty reviewed the criteria used to evaluate qualifying projects. He noted that staff considered regional connectivity factors, consistency with NOACA plans, NOACA Diversity and Inclusion Policies, and urbanized versus rural areas.

Mr. Daugherty stated that project recommendations will be presented to the Planning and Programming Committee (PPC) for action on April 12, 2019. If endorsed by PPC, recommendations will be presented to the Board for approval on June 14, 2019.

Ms. Cotman asked if the scoring system for the prioritization of projects is new. Mr. Daugherty stated that the connectivity factors were already in place but were enhanced for the new TIP.

Mr. Wesemeyer asked staff to speak about ODOT's concern for future federal funding. Mr. Daugherty stated that ODOT wanted to get a better picture of future federal funding. Mr. Wesemeyer asked if it was common for ODOT to delay the STIP/TIP. Ms. Gallucci said no. Mr. Wesemeyer asked if staff knew the reason for the delay. Mr. Daugherty talked about the uncertainty of future transportation bills. Ms. Gallucci commented that ODOT may be concerned about the federal gas tax since it has not been increased since 1993.

Ms. Kress asked the meaning of TAP. Ms. Gallucci said Transportation Alternatives Program. Ms. Kress asked if townships and counties can apply for TAP funds for roads.

Ms. Gallucci said yes, but noted that the roads have to be on the federal-aid system and must meet the criteria to be eligible for funding. Ms. Kress asked if a road over the Ohio Turnpike qualifies for funding. Ms. Gallucci said it could and asked RAC members to provide NOACA with a list of roads in their communities so staff can check to see if they are currently on the system or are eligible to be put on the system.

Ms. Cotman asked if the word "new" refers to a brand new road or road widening projects. Ms. Gallucci said the word "new" refers to both. Ms. Cotman asked if the Board's objectives incorporated minimizing widening projects in the SFY 2021-2024 TIP.

Ms. Gallucci stated that the Board is looking to prioritize maintenance projects before capacity projects. She noted that widening projects may be considered if there are safety concerns.

New 208 Plan Draft Development

Ms. Pamela Davis provided background on the 208 Plan and NOACA's responsibility as an areawide water quality management agency. She provided an overview of the work done by the 208 Plan Working Group and Chapter Focus Groups. She noted that the 208 Plan update included reviewing and editing chapter text, and developing regional strategies, agency recommendations, and NOACA policies.

Ms. Davis stated that NOACA staff is planning to do additional outreach for the 208 Plan and has developed two questionnaires that will be distributed throughout the region using social media, Facebook, Twitter, direct mail, public meetings, and stakeholders. Ms. Davis reviewed the two questionnaires: one for the "208 Public" and the other for designated management agencies (DMAs), local health districts and affected jurisdictions. She informed members that Ms. Gallucci will forward the "208 Public" questionnaire to them. Ms. Davis asked members to share the questionnaire with their constituents when they receive it. She provided an overview of the types of questions on both questionnaires.

Ms. Davis stated that the DMA/health district/jurisdiction questionnaire will be released in March 2019; the "208 Public" questionnaire will be released in April 2019; and questionnaire responses and outreach meeting strategy will be presented to the Water Quality Subcommittee in June 2019.

Mr. Wesemeyer stated that the fringe area appears to get lost between the rural and urban areas. Ms. Davis mentioned that Chapter 6 in the 208 Plan covers developed and developing areas which includes information on fringe. Mr. Wesemeyer mentioned that there are property owners in certain developed rural area with failing septic systems who cannot tie into the infrastructure of a municipality because there is not enough funding available. Mr. Wesemeyer talked about property owners having to come up with the money to replace their septic system.

Ms. Davis mentioned that on the "208 Public" questionnaire, people are asked to provide the type of system they have or want and how much they would be willing to spend for it.

Mr. Wesemeyer stated that residents do not want to tie into a sewer unless the health department tells them they have to because of a failing septic system. He said people need to be educated on their options so they can plan ahead.

Ms. White mentioned that the Medina County Health Department has grants available for people who need to repair or replace their existing septic system. She asked if those grants could be used to tap into an existing sewer system.

Ms. Davis said she would have to check to see if there are limitations on the use of those funds. She stated that the resident must enter into a cost share relationship with their county health department and must meet the income requirement to qualify for those funds. The health department would need to determine if tying into a sewer system is accessible and affordable.

Ms. White stated that replacing a septic system is a short-term approach, while connecting to a sewer is a long-term approach. She mentioned that she talked to an owner of a golf course who does not have a lot of money to replace a septic system and does not qualify for funds through the county.

Ms. Davis stated that Ohio EPA is currently working to identify small (25,000 gallons or less) communal systems that are not under permit. She said there is a push by Ohio EPA Northeast District Office to identify the location of those systems and get them under permit, and if they are already under permit, make sure they are meeting the requirements.

Ms. Davis stated that staff is planning to update the county FPA maps every five years and will be working with the health departments on reviewing hotspot areas that may or may not be planning for sanitary sewers.

Ms. Cotman asked if the decision was made not to send the questionnaire out to the general public. Ms. Davis stated that NOACA decided to share the questionnaire with the health departments that will in turn share the questionnaire with the general public. Ms. Cotman asked if NOACA wants RAC members to assist in the distribution of the questionnaire. Ms. Gallucci said yes. Ms. Cotman asked how RAC will get the questionnaire. Ms. Gallucci said staff will email members a link to the questionnaire, so it can be forwarded to others.

Ms. Cotman asked when the final draft 208 Plan will be completed. Ms. Davis said the plan is 90% complete and noted that a few changes still need to be made.

Ms. Kress mentioned that Cuyahoga County has a loan program that provides limited funding to property owners who need to tie into an existing sewer. She mentioned that Cuyahoga County's base tie in costs \$14,000 and some property owners have paid as much as \$39,000.

Ms. Davis mentioned that the health departments have discussed the cost of tie ins and potential funding sources.

Ms. Kress commented that planning for no plan is very critical, if for nothing more than to ensure health departments are enforcing regulations on onsite septic systems.

Ms. Kress talked about how productive the focus group meetings have been for the 208 Plan update.

Reports / Updates

No reports / updates were presented at this meeting.

Old Business

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

New Business

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Kress announced that the next RAC meeting will be held at the NOACA offices on June 28, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.



2019 Rural Advisory Council Attendance Record

MEETING DATES	3/22/19	6/28/19	9/27/19	12/6/19
Christin Brandon, Lorain County Community Develop.	X			
Steven Corso, Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association				
Cathy Cotman, Chester Township Zoning Commission	X			
Leslie Gambosi-McCoy, Village of Middlefield	X			
Brian Guccion, Sharon Township				
Thomas Hach, Riverside School District	X			
Rob Henwood, Medina County Planning Services and Fair Housing Office				
Jeanene Kress, Olmsted Township (Lisa J. Zver, alternate)	X			
Dennis Miller, Medina Township				
John Oros, Geauga Park District	X			
David Short, ODOT District 12	X			
Tim Stahlberg, Motorcycle Ohio	X			
Carl Wesemeyer, Grafton Township	X			
Kyle White, OSU Extension	X			
TOTAL MEMBERS ATTEND:	10			

X=Member present A=Alternate



Rural Advisory Council Meeting
March 22, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Member Sign-in Sheet

MEMBER	SIGNATURE
Christin Brandon – Lorain County Community Development	<i>Christin Brandon</i>
Steven Corso – Ohio Ecological Food and Farm Association	
Cathy Cotman – Chester Township Zoning Commission	<i>Cathy Cotman</i>
Leslie Gambosi – Village of Middlefield McCoy	<i>Leslie Gambosi McCoy</i>
Brian Guccion – Sharon Township	
Thomas Hach – Riverside School District	<i>Thomas Hach</i>
Rob Henwood – Medina County Planning Services and Fair Housing Office	
Jeanene Kress – Olmsted Township (Lisa J. Zver, alternate)	<i>Jeanene Kress</i>
Dennis Miller – Medina Township	
John Oros – Geauga Park District	<i>John Oros</i>
David Short – ODOT District 12	<i>David Short</i>
Tim Stahlberg – Motorcycle Ohio	<i>Tim Stahlberg</i>
Carl Wesemeyer – Grafton Township	<i>Carl Wesemeyer</i>
Kyle White – OSU Extension	<i>Kyle White</i>

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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CHAIR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item No. 5

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Rural Advisory Council

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 21, 2019

RE: NOACA Geauga County Amish Safety BUILD Project Update

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The Geauga County Amish Safety project was developed as a result of a strategic safety plan completed in 2015 in partnership between Geauga County, ODOT District 12 and NOACA. The study identified projects needed on Geauga County roadways to improve safety for motorists, Amish buggies, and pedestrians. In 2017, the identified projects were adopted into the NOACA AIM Forward 2040 Long-range Transportation Plan.

In April 2018, NOACA partnered with the Geauga County Engineer to submit an application for a Geauga County Amish Safety project for federal BUILD program funding consideration. The project includes widening roadway shoulders for the construction of buggy lanes and pedestrian facilities; warning and detection signal systems; and signage safety improvements. In December 2018, NOACA was notified by US DOT that the project was selected for BUILD program funding for the full \$9,651,000 request amount.

Since that time, staff has worked with the Geauga County Engineer, ODOT and FHWA to determine an acceptable approach and initiate project programming and administration in accordance with the agencies' oversight and monitoring requirements. Staff will provide an update of the project to the Council at its June 28th meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to inform the council throughout project development and implementation.

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NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Rural Advisory Council

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 21, 2019

RE: **Geauga County Facility Planning Area (FPA) Prescription Modification Request in Chardon Township**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The Berkshire Heights Estates Subdivision in south Chardon Township was developed in the 1950s and 1960s and has a significant number of failing on-site home sewage treatment systems (HSTSs). In 2013, the Chardon Township Trustees submitted a public health nuisance complaint for the subdivision to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) after trustees found a drainage line near the subdivision that appeared to convey untreated sewage. Ohio EPA found the numerous failing HSTSs resulted in unsanitary conditions and a public health nuisance. In 2015, the Ohio EPA issued a Director's Final Findings and Orders (DFFO) to the Geauga County Board of Commissioners. The DFFO required the County to produce a sewage plan for the subdivision and install a sanitary sewage system within five (5) years. Geauga County plans to start construction of sanitary sewer lines and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in 2019.

The subdivision's current Prescription in NOACA's Clean Water 2000 Plan (208 Plan) is "no sewer service" (Attachment A). This Prescription does not allow for sanitary sewer extensions or connections. Ohio EPA cannot issue any permits that conflict with NOACA's 208 Plan. Therefore, Geauga County requests the Prescriptions be changed to "may be sewered" for the parcels that that will be connected to sanitary sewers and the parcels where the WWTP will be constructed (Attachment B). The change will allow Ohio EPA to issue the needed permits to Geauga County to proceed with the Ohio EPA required sanitary sewer project.

Chardon Township and Geauga County are the only affected jurisdictions. Both the Chardon Township Board of Trustees and Geauga County Board of Commissioners support the proposed Prescriptions changes (attached) which fulfills the notification requirements in Policy 4-6 of the 208 Plan.

The NOACA Board of Directors approved this FPA prescription modification at its June 2019 meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

NOACA's approval of the Prescription modification will not result in any financial impact to NOACA.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Staff will continue to update the Council members on pertinent FPA boundary modifications.

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NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Rural Advisory Council

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 21, 2019

RE: **Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio**

ACTION REQUESTED

No Action is requested. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The current Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio ("Coordinated Plan") was adopted by the NOACA Board of Directors in January 2015 and extended through December 2018. The Coordinated Plan covers Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, and will be updated for the years 2019-2022.

The federal circular for the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) funding program requires that all projects funded must be "included in a locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan," and "developed and approved through a process that included participation by seniors, individuals with disabilities, representatives of public, private, and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and other members of the public."

NOACA began the plan update with outreach activities that included public meetings, a client/rider survey, and a provider/stakeholder survey. Using this feedback, and input from NOACA Transit, Community Advisory, Rural Advisory, and Bike and Pedestrian Councils, goals and strategies were developed for the Coordinated Plan.

The Coordinated Plan acts as an evaluation tool to prioritize project funding for the Section 5310 program. Section 5310 scoring criteria and prioritization for funding is guided by current and future regional needs identified in the coordinated planning process. NOACA will also utilize *Mobilize: Accessibility for Independence* as an action plan and will integrate adopted goals and strategies into the organization's work plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As the designated recipient, NOACA is eligible to access federal 5310 program funds apportioned to the Cleveland Urbanized Area (UZA) and distribute them according to the federal guidelines. Up to 10% of these program funds can be used by NOACA to cover its administrative costs for the development of plans by staff.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

The NOACA Board of Directors approved, *Mobilize: Accessibility for Independence* as the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for Northeast Ohio for the years 2019-2022.

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Attachment 1 – <https://www.noaca.org/Home/ShowDocument?id=23791>



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Rural Advisory Council

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 21, 2019

RE: **Planning Reviews (PPRs)/ Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC); 1st Quarter State Fiscal Year 2020**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION

Attached are PPR summary documents for the proposed projects to be presented to the NOACA Transportation Subcommittee, Planning and Programming Committee and Executive Committee for review and recommendation.

NOACA's Board approved Regional Transportation Investment Policy requires that all proposed federal-aid transportation projects be processed through PPR in order to meet NOACA's adopted goals and federal requirements.

PPR consists of four levels of review: NOACA staff; Board, including committees, subcommittees, and councils; intergovernmental review and consultation (IGRC); and public involvement. The end product of PPR is a Board resolution that certifies that the project has had thorough review, allowing the project to proceed to the programming stages of the planning process.

As part of the PPR process, a detailed summary of the proposed improvement and staff and committee assessment of the project are posted on NOACA's website, www.NOACA.org. A link to the PPRs is included on the home page by clicking the 'Comment on Projects' button. Staff adds comments obtained from the public, governmental organizations and NOACA committees as they are received. Proposed projects are posted on the website for three months, allowing adequate time for review and comment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

Pending Board approval, project sponsors will be notified that their projects have completed PPR. NOACA staff will work with project sponsors to address any planning issues identified during PPR.

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Attachments: Project Summaries

Reconstruction of SR-43 in Solon

History/Background: These projects are included in ODOT District 12's Program.

Title: Reconstruction of SR-43 in Solon

Sponsor: City of Solon

Estimated Total Cost: \$8,107,165

Proposed Source of Federal Funds: ODOT

History/Background: The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Safety program provides funds to ODOT and local governments for highway safety treatments or corrective activity designed to alleviate a safety problem or a potentially hazardous situation. The program is funded at approximately \$100 million annually. Priority is given to those projects with recommended activities/countermeasures that improve safety at roadway locations with a high frequency, severity, and rate of crashes.

There are two application cycles per year. Applications must be signed off by the respective ODOT District Safety Review Team. A safety engineering study must typically accompany the application unless the application is for preliminary engineering funds to complete the study.

Proposed Project: The following project was selected for Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding:

- **CUY SR-43 - 1.98: PID No. 109517** - This project involves reconstruction and widening of SR-43 (Aurora Road), from 2 lanes to 3 lanes, from the Solar Shopping Center, 0.13 mile east of SR-91 (SOM Center Road) to Liberty Road, in Solon (schematic). The scope will also include a new water line, storm sewer, a permanent traffic signal at Portz Parkway, a multipurpose path on the south side of Aurora Road and an on-street bike lane on the north side with new sidewalks. Right turn lanes will be installed at Clearwater Court, Portz Parkway and Liberty Road.
The project's estimated total cost is \$8,107,605. The estimated cost of preliminary engineering preliminary development (PEPD) is \$64,974. The estimated cost of preliminary engineering detailed design (PEDD) is \$11,466. The PEPD and PEDD will be funded by ODOT. The estimated cost of right-of-way (RW) is \$450,000. The RW will be funded with local funds (\$450,000). The estimated cost of construction (CO) is \$7,091,165. The CO will be funded with HSIP funds (\$1,500,000) and local funds (\$5,591,165). The estimated cost of construction engineering (CE) is \$490,000. The CE will be locally funded.

Staff Comment (Summary):

RECOMMENDATION:

- Level 2 of NOACA Freight Network, meaning relatively high truck counts. Design should consider their turning movements mainly at the shopping center.
- Include high-visibility crosswalks and pedestrian countdown heads with the new signal at Portz Parkway.
- Include pedestrian crossing for Aurora Road.

Committee Review:

Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Council (BPAC)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

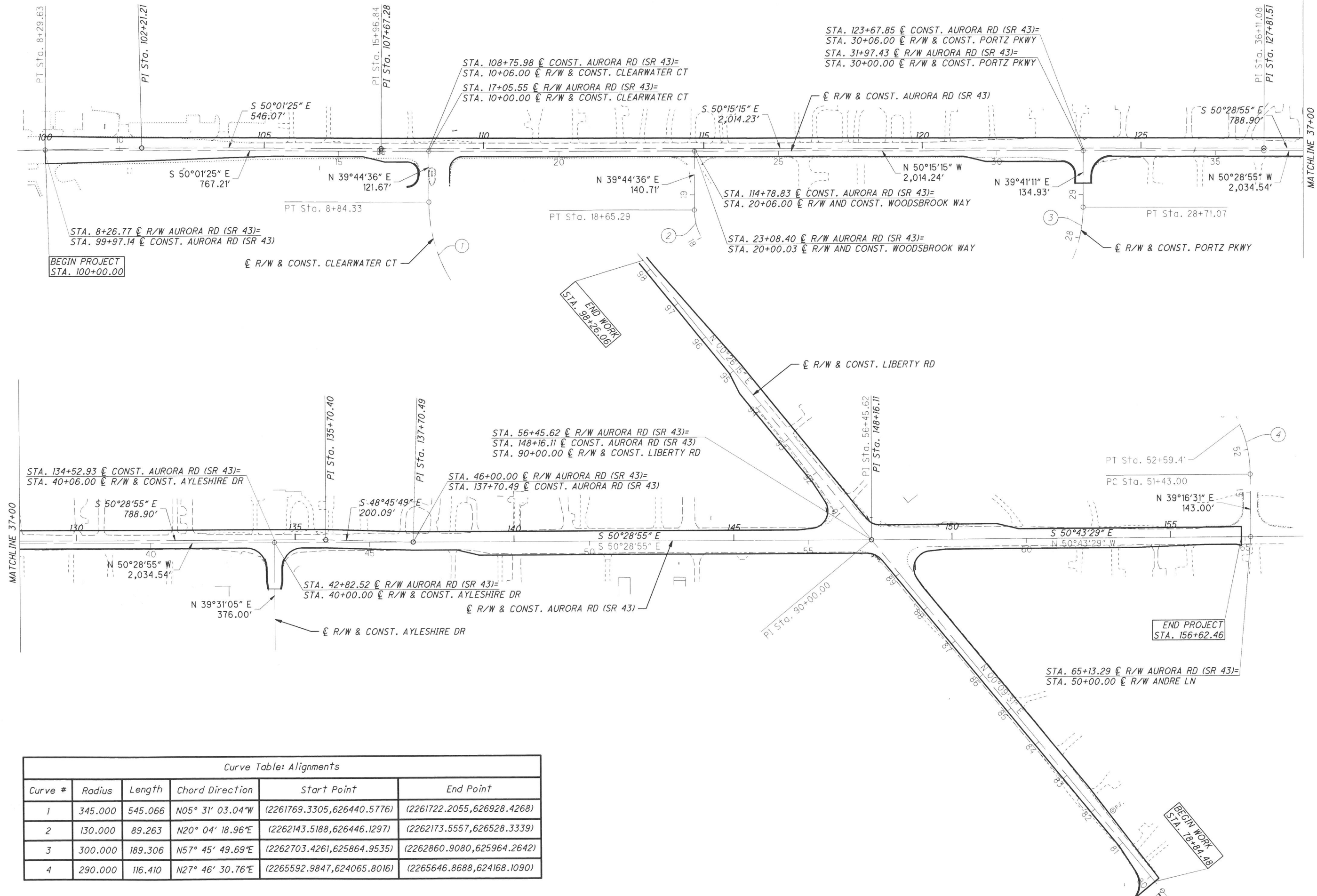
- Consider providing less width to the vehicular lanes and more width to the bike lane and/or create a buffer between the bike lane. However, the Safety and Operations Council cautioned not to reduce the eastbound travel lane as some cyclists may still choose to use the road rather than the side path.

- Consider a shared use path on both sides of the road in lieu of the bike lane (allocate the 5 feet to creating a path, 10 feet wide, rather than a path, 5 feet wide and a bike lane, 5 feet wide).
- BPAC strongly recommends signing and or centerline striping on the new multi-use path. Since the existing sidewalk on the south side is being widened to serve as a multi-use path, BPAC recommends measures that will identify that the facility has changed and cyclists are permitted on the path.

Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):

Public Involvement:

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SCHEMATIC PLAN

AURORA ROAD
RECONSTRUCTION

Bridge Painting on IR-480 and SR-10 (Lorain Road) in Cleveland and Fairview Park

History/Background: This project is included in ODOT District 12's Program.

Title: Bridge Painting on IR-480 and SR-10 (Lorain Road) in Cleveland and Fairview Park

Sponsor: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) District 12

Estimated Total Cost: \$34,500,000

Proposed Source of Federal Funds: ODOT

- **CUY IR 480 - 06.47: PID No. 22131** - This project involves painting the structural steel of a bridge on IR-480, over the Rocky River and a bridge on SR-10 (Lorain Road), over the Rocky River, in Cleveland and Fairview Park (location map). The project's estimated total cost, provided by the sponsor, is \$34,500,000. The estimated cost of construction (C) is \$30,000,000. The estimated cost of construction engineering (CE) is \$4,500,000. The project will be funded with Major Bridge funds, Interstate Maintenance funds and ODOT funds for award in February 2020.

Staff Comment (Summary):

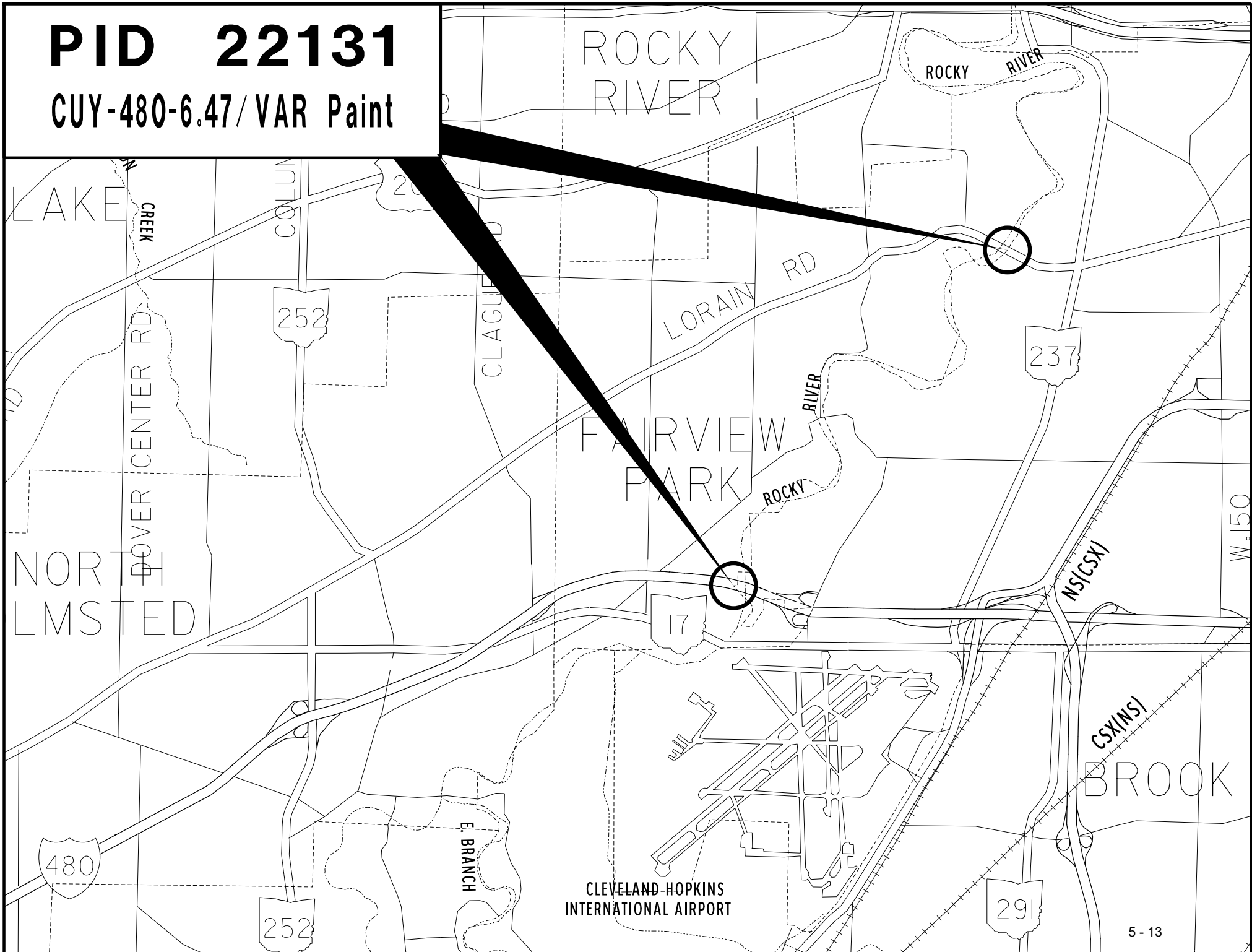
Committee Review:

Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):

Public Involvement:

PID 22131

CUY-480-6.47/VAR Paint



Laketran Electric Bus

Sponsor: Laketran

Estimated Total Cost: \$783,500

Proposed Source of Federal Funds: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

History/Background: Laketran's fiscal year (FY) 2019 program is listed in the NOACA SFY 2018 – 2021 Transportation Improvement Program. Laketran is adding the following project to FY 2020 of its program, utilizing funding obtained through the Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERG) Program.

The DERG Program is administered through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in partnership with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The program is offered to public agency owned diesel engine fleets and privately owned diesel engine fleets with a public sponsor (Public-Private Partnerships) that will undertake vehicle/equipment replacement, repower, retrofit, or installation of anti-idle equipment for the purpose of emissions reduction in eligible Ohio counties.

Proposed Project: - Laketran will replace one model year 2009 diesel-powered transit bus with one new electric powered transit bus. The estimated cost of the electric bus is \$783,500. The project will be funded with \$626,800 in State administered Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (S/CMAQ) funds, administered through the DERG program and \$156,700 local funds.

Staff Comment (Summary):

Intergovernmental Review and Consultation (IGRC):

Public Involvement:

Committee Review:



NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

TO: NOACA Rural Advisory Council

FROM: Grace Gallucci, Executive Director

DATE: June 28, 2019

RE: **Mission Advancement Initiatives**

ACTION REQUESTED

No action is requested at this time. This item is for information and presentation only.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION FOR CURRENT ACTION

The division of External Engagement and Public Affairs will support the RAC with the focus areas that were established and approved for 2019:

- 1) Advocacy and outreach for federal, state and local priorities
- 2) Public Engagement (including areas of Environmental Justice)
- 3) Reestablishing relationships with business community

An External Affairs Operating model has been developed to focus on several areas built around roles and responsibilities, leadership, and organizational structure to ensure that all communications, advocacy, and public engagement efforts to build stronger stakeholders relationships are met.

The presentation will introduce an overview of approaches, capacity building, media, marketing, advocacy and other outreach tools that will heighten the awareness of NOACA's brand, priorities and tools of engagement. NOACA is requesting that the RAC help connect the agency with a broader audience to discuss our priorities and agenda.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact.

CONCLUSION/NEXT STEPS

NOACA staff will be communicating with the Rural Advisory Council to set up a working meeting to include timelines and deliverables.

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REPORTS/UPDATES

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